

Army's 15th Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Calvary Division, deployed from Fort Hood, Texas.

Specialist Marisol Heredia was from El Monte, California. She was born on September 16, 1987. She received a public school education and attended Mountain View High School, where she was a dedicated student who graduated half a year earlier than her class.

For love of country and out of admiration for her older sister who served in the U.S. military, Specialist Heredia joined the United States Army in July, 2005. Specialist Marisol Heredia was deployed last October to serve her first tour of duty in Iraq. On July 18, 2007 a vehicle she was fueling caught on fire in Baghdad, Iraq. She was evacuated to Brooke Army Medical Center in Fort Sam Houston, Texas, for treatment, but passed away on September 7, 2007 as a result of her injuries.

Specialist Heredia served this country with courage, pride and loyalty. She gave the ultimate sacrifice to our country and for that we will be forever grateful to her and her family. She was buried yesterday on what would have been her 20th birthday. My prayers and deepest sympathy go out to her family and friends.

She is survived by her 3 sisters, as well as her mother and stepfather who were deeply touched by her kind heart and gentle strength.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 17, 2007

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I was unable to travel

to Washington, DC for votes on September 10, 2007.

However, I would like the record to reflect that I would have recorded "yes" for that day's recorded votes. They included:

(1) H. Res. 257—Supporting the goals and ideals of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month, and;

(2) H. Res. 643—Recognizing September 11 as a day of remembrance, extending sympathies to those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, and their families, honoring the heroic actions of our nation's first responders and Armed Forces, and reaffirming the commitment to defending the people of the United States against any and all future challenges.

TRIBUTE TO BISHOP EDWARD SMITH

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 17, 2007

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a spiritual leader whose commitment to his congregation and to his church spans half of a century. Bishop Edward Smith, dedicated pastor of the Progressive Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ, celebrates his 50th anniversary in the ministry this year. A beacon for hope in times of sorrow and an inspiring figure in times of celebration, Bishop Smith has faithfully and prayerfully served the Denmark community. I congratulate Bishop Smith on this significant milestone in his ministry.

In the Book of Micah we find the question, "What does the Lord require of you, but to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with

your God?" Bishop Smith has certainly answered with an adherence to that biblical admonition. He began his service in 1957. Bishop Joseph Williams appointed the then Elder Smith as the new pastor of Progressive Church following the resignation of Elder Collins. In accepting this challenge, Bishop Smith said, "The Lord saved me for service and if this is where I am to serve, here am I Lord use me." And so, with the Apostle Peter as his example, Bishop Smith sold his home in Columbia, South Carolina and went to Denmark to build a house for the Lord.

By fall 1959, Bishop Smith moved his church from Blackville, South Carolina to a storefront in Denmark, South Carolina, increasing his congregation from six to fifteen. With the power of faith, the force of hammers, and Bishop Smith as their guide, seven months of construction later, February 1963, there stood a new church on East Haynes Street.

Over the course of the 46 years that followed, he presided over an expansion that included a Progressive Child Development Center established in 1986, and the purchase of a sixteen acre track of land on Progressive Way, where Bishop Smith envisions a new K-12 school and efficiency apartments for the elderly. Today, the Progressive Church in Denmark attracts congregants from five neighboring counties.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Bishop Edward Smith on his 50th Anniversary. Like his spiritual guide, Saint Peter, he has established a strong house for God. In addition, this vibrant and devoted civic leader has enriched the lives of many in Denmark, South Carolina. I commend his steadfastness on behalf of "the least of these" and I applaud Bishop Edward Smith for his half century of public service.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, September 18, 2007 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 19

9:30 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robin Renee Sanders, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Barry Leon Wells, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of The Gambia, Mark M. Boulware, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, James D. McGee, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe, and Ronald K. McMullen, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the State of Eritrea.

SD-419

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the process of federal recognition of Indian tribes.

SD-628

Rules and Administration

To hold a hearing to examine S. 1905, to provide for a rotating schedule for regional selection of delegates to a national Presidential nominating convention.

SR-301

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the current state of affairs for information technology with the Department of Veterans Affairs.

SD-562

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the evolution of an economic crisis, focusing on the subprime lending disaster and the threat to the broader economy.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Business meeting to mark up S. 1518, to amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to reauthorize the Act, and H.R. 835, to reauthorize the programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development for housing assistance for Native Hawaiians, and an original bill entitled, "FHA Modernization Act of 2007".

SD-538

Environment and Public Works

Transportation Safety, Infrastructure Security, and Water Quality Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine America's wastewater infrastructure needs in the 21st century.

SD-406

10:30 a.m.

Aging

To hold hearings to examine preparing for the digital television transition, focusing on how senior citizens will be affected.

SD-106

2:30 p.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the "material support to terrorist organizations" bar to admission to asylum and resettlement in the United States, focusing on the denial of refuge to the persecuted.

SD-226

3 p.m.

Foreign Relations

International Operations and Organizations, Democracy and Human Rights Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the Everglades, focusing on protecting natural treasures through international organizations.

SD-419

SEPTEMBER 20

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation by the American Legion.

345, Cannon Building

9:55 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

Business meeting to consider S. 589, to provide for the transfer of certain Federal property to the United States Paralympics, Incorporated, a subsidiary of the United States Olympic Committee, and General Services Administration resolutions.

SD-406

10 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the condition of our Nation's bridges.

SD-406

Finance

To hold hearings to examine a review of bank treatment of social security benefits.

SD-215

Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine expanding opportunities for women entrepreneurs, focusing on the future of women's small business programs.

SR-428A

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the Office of Management and Budget's oversight on ongoing information systems projects, focusing on the efficacy of the management practices used by agencies to ensure the success of the projects.

SD-342

Energy and Natural Resources

Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine S. 1143, to designate the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse

and the surrounding Federal land in the State of Florida as an Outstanding Natural Area and as a unit of the National Landscape System, S. 2034, to amend the Oregon Wilderness Act of 1984 to designate the Copper Salmon Wilderness and to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the North and South Forks of the Elk River in the State of Oregon as wild or scenic rivers, S. 1377, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the City of Henderson, Nevada, certain Federal land located in the City, S. 1608 and H.R. 815, bills to provide for the conveyance of certain land in Clark County, Nevada, for use by the Nevada National Guard, S. 1740, to amend the Act of February 22, 1889, and the Act of July 2, 1862, to provide for the management of public land trust funds in the State of North Dakota, S. 1802, to adjust the boundaries of the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness in the State of Idaho, S. 1939, to provide for the conveyance of certain land in the Santa Fe National Forest, New Mexico, S. 1940, to reauthorize the Rio Puerco Watershed Management Program, and S. 1433, to amend the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act to provide competitive status to certain Federal employees in the State of Alaska.

SD-366

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

SEPTEMBER 24

3 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold an oversight hearing to examine scientific assessments of the impacts of global climate change on wildfire activity in the United States.

SD-366

SEPTEMBER 25

9:30 a.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine strengthening the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA).

SD-226

Veterans' Affairs

To hold oversight hearings to examine Persian Gulf War research.

SD-562

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine S. 1756, to provide supplemental ex gratia compensation to the Republic of the Marshall Islands for impacts of the nuclear testing program of the United States.

SD-366

2:30 p.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine pending judicial nominations.

SD-226

SEPTEMBER 26

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine S. 1543, to establish a national geothermal initiative to encourage increased production of energy from geothermal resources.

SD-366

2:30 p.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Michael J. Sullivan, of Massachusetts, to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

SD-226

SEPTEMBER 27

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine hard-rock mining on federal lands.

SD-366

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Paul J. Hutter, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs.

SD-562

2:30 p.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (T. Doc. 103-39).

SD-419

Energy and Natural Resources

National Parks Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine S. 128, to amend the Cache La Poudre River Corridor Act to designate a new management entity, make certain technical and conforming amendments, enhance private property protections, S. 148, to establish the Paterson Great Falls National Park in the State of New Jersey, S. 189, to decrease the matching funds requirements and authorize additional appropriations for Keweenaw National Historical Park in the State of Michigan, S. 697, to establish the Steel Industry National Historic Site in the State of Pennsylvania, S. 1341, to provide for the exchange of certain Bureau of Land Management land in Pima County, Arizona, S. 1476, to authorize

the Secretary of the Interior to conduct special resources study of the Tule Lake Segregation Center in Modoc County, California, to determine suitability and feasibility of establishing a unit of the National Park System, S. 867, to adjust the boundary of Lowell National Historical Park, S. 1709 and H.R. 1239, bills to amend the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Act of 1998 to provide additional staff and oversight of funds to carry out the Act, S. 1808, to authorize the exchange of certain land in Denali National Park in the State of Alaska, and S. 1969, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating Estate Grange and other sites related to Alexander Hamilton's life on the island of St. Croix in the United States Virgin Islands as a unit of the National Park System.

SD-366